



Nursery

We have been very busy in Nursery. We are really excited about Christmas and thoroughly enjoyed performing our Nativity to all of you. We are making lots of Christmas cards and decoration which we are looking forward to bringing home.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to learn in the new year.

Mrs Willingham and Mrs Couzins



Reception

Thank you for your support in attending Our Nativity, helping your child learn their lines at home and providing them with costumes. I think you will agree that they were all wonderful and a credit to you.

Both we and the Council Learning support were amazed at the number of parents who attended the Christmas crafts workshop. This shows your dedication to your child's development and gave you an insight into the EYFS curriculum. If you have not already signed up for the continuation course and would like to, please come and see us.

On Wednesday 19th December it is our Christmas party day. You have already had a letter about this and the children may wear their own clothes on this day.

The children are making very good progress with their reading - please keep sending their books and try to read with your child at least 5-10 minutes every night.

We will be targeting writing using the RWI examples, as well as reading each night, this is something that you could also practise at home each night. Please allow your child to dress and undress themselves at home in preparation for getting ready for P.E.

We would like to thank you for all your support and donations in the Autumn term - our children are really happy in school and making good progress and are a credit to you.

Miss Crawford and Mrs Mahoney

Dear Parents/Grandparents/Carers,

We have finally reached the end of a hectic term with so much to celebrate including our identification as one of the newly established National English Hub schools, our recognition as an Achievement for All School and our most recent achievement of the SEND Inclusion Award.

Staff and governors have worked so hard to ensure we continue to provide the best possible education for all your children, helping them to grow both spiritually and academically.

The Christmas productions were fantastic and the children are a credit to you all. The children have shared and celebrated the true meaning of Christmas in so many different ways and I know we are all now looking forward to spending Christmas with our families. I hope you will find the time to join the Parish in one of the Christmas services in Church.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing, joyful and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We break up this Friday at 1.30pm and return to school Monday, 7th January, the day after the feast of the Epiphany (the wise men's visit!).

God Bless and Best Wishes,

Mrs Elaine Allen

Headteacher

DON'T FORGET:

- * School re-opens on Monday 7th January 2019
- * 5L Class Assembly—Friday 18th January @ 9:00am and 9:20am
- * Yr 4 Quarry Bank Mill Trip—Friday 25th January
- * 2W Trip to Pizza Express—Tuesday 29th January

Year 2

Wow! What a busy half term we have had in Year 2! A Trip to Clip and Climb, An animal themed Parent Workshop, Choose Respect Week, Wear Odd Socks Day, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Collective Worships, Christmas Jumper Day.....and that is as well as Literacy, RWI, Maths, Science, Topic, Reading and much more! Not forgetting our Superstar Nativity! Thank you to all our parents and families for your continued support at this very hectic time of year, we really do appreciate it. The children have applied their skills to so many different aspects of learning that we are really proud of them all!

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to the challenges 2019 will bring.

Miss Hornby, Mr Walsh and Mrs Bancroft



Staffing News

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to two valued members of our school team.

Mrs Hough is retiring after 7 years at school. With her patient, calm and gentle nature she is going to be greatly missed by us all.

Mrs Burrows, our School Business Manager, is leaving us to pursue her own business venture. Whilst we are excited for her, we are definitely going to miss her calmly organising all!

We wish them both the best for the future.

Mr Daniel Johnson will be joining the school in the New Year as our Business Manager.



Wishing you
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
From SJV

Year 3

Well who can believe this! Our first full term finished. All your children have worked hard this term with some excellent work being produced. We have had some great experiences with our Egyptian day and the children having a fun day out at the Tower. Can we just say how proud we were of your children on that day. Some facing big challenges, especially having the courage to go to the top of the tower. I think we can safely say they had a great time, as did we. However, the highlight for us was the Advent service. For the children to learn lines, performances and songs and deliver them so clearly and well, again made us so proud.

Looking forward, next term the children will start a new topic 'Toy Story', where we look at children lived and played in the past. We will continue looking at forces in science. In RE we will be looking at sharing and showing respect. Our English work will be based around the Michael Morpurgo 'Pinocchio' and in maths we will be starting our new term looking at fractions. A heads up for your diaries for early 2019, there will be another parents' workshop on the 14th February based around our 'Toy Story - childhood from the past'. All that leaves us to say is we hope you all have a very happy, healthy and holy Christmas, a peaceful New Year and we wish you all a prosperous 2019.

Miss Mack and Mr Horton

Year 4

What a busy half term! We have been learning about how to make an electric circuit, writing newspapers about mysterious stars and also improving our arithmetic scores. The children were wonderful in their Advent service, thank-you to all those who came to watch. We would also like to thank parents and carers for attending the parent workshop this half-term. A continued reminder that children should be reading each evening and practising their times tables. As Christmas draws nearer we would like to wish all families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Miss Talbot, Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Acton

Miss Talbot, Mrs Acton and Mrs
Dickinson



Year 5

We've reached the end of 2018! It's been an action-packed first term in Year 5 and everyone has worked incredibly hard. In Literacy, we've all thoroughly enjoyed our class readers 'Charlotte's Web' and 'Skellig'. In Maths, we've had an amazing run on Times Tables Rockstars with many children reaching Rock Legend status - well done and keep going! Also, our Science work on clean air has helped us to understand how we can reduce air pollution in our local area.

Looking ahead to 2019, we will be starting the Bounce Forward Resilience program on Monday 14th January - watch this space for further details. Class 5W will continue swimming lessons on Tuesday's in the New Year as well as some children from 5L - you will have received a letter about this earlier.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very happy, holy and healthy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Thank you for all your support and we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2019!

Miss Wills and Mr Lord

Year 6

This half term, the children have worked extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum. They have learnt about the Amazon Rainforest in Geography lessons; had an enjoyable trip to Blackpool Zoo; researched the life of Sir David Attenborough and written his biography in English lessons; enjoyed watching the pantomime - Sleeping Beauty - in school and eagerly been learning Christmas Carols in preparation for the Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service. During the last week of term, Year 6 will be enjoying the Christmas festivities with the Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 18th December at 4pm in Church and their Christmas Party on Thursday 20th December.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Mrs Bennett and Miss O'Keeffe

Year 1

We've had a busy a fun few weeks in the run up to Christmas.

Our next topic is called 'The Good Old Days'. We will be delving into the past to find out what life was like 50s and 60s. The children will get the chance to experience what schools, toys, technology and transport used to be like and how it has changed over time. We will be inviting you to a parent workshop so that you can see first-hand what your child has been learning!

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we'll see you all back in January!

Mr Hardwick and Mrs Hulme

